Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) released the following statement on the debt ceiling limit vote:

"I was disappointed when the Majority moved up the vote on the debt ceiling limit. I was in my hometown today, serving as a pallbearer for my uncle, Lyle Nesselroad – a Navy veteran of World War II. I grew up next door to Lyle, and he was like a second father to me. While I regret that I will be missing this important vote, I don't regret my decision to be there with my family. Had I been present, I would have voted against the Debt Limit Extension Act.

"I'm reluctant to raise the debt ceiling when we have no fiscally responsible plan to address our national debt. The American people have spoken loudly and clearly – they want us to take immediate action to rein in spending and find new revenues to get our deficit under control. Congress must develop a fiscally responsible plan that makes tough choices and reduces our debt."